



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING VIDEOCONFERENCING OF GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARINGS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The joint standing committee of the  
2      General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
3      government administration shall prepare a plan for using  
4      videoconferencing technology at public hearings conducted by  
5      committees of the General Assembly at the Legislative Office Building  
6      in Hartford. Said technology shall enable citizens at remote locations in  
7      the state to participate in said public hearings. Said joint standing  
8      committee shall (1) submit a preliminary plan to the General  
9      Assembly, not later than December 1, 2004, that designates one  
10     committee to test videoconferencing technology at its public hearings  
11     during the 2005 regular session of the General Assembly, and (2)  
12     submit a final plan to the General Assembly, not later than December  
13     1, 2005, that, based on the test committee's experience, provides for the  
14     use of videoconferencing technology for all General Assembly  
15     committees at their public hearings during the 2006 regular session of  
16     the General Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

***GAE***      *Joint Favorable*